



Disposal facility contractor's parent company is one of the safest in the United States

The URS Washington Division, the company that built the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) for the Army, has once again been recognized as one of America's safest companies for 2008 by *Occupational Hazards*, the leading magazine of safety, health, and loss prevention. URS Washington Division was formerly Washington Group International.

The Washington Division or one of its subsidiaries has earned the title four out of the past five years. Rust Constructors, Washington Division's construction arm, was recognized in 2006. Washington Savannah River Company was named to the list in 2005, and Washington Group International was selected in 2004.

This year's list of America's Safest Companies was chosen based on recommendations by industry professionals, recognition by industry associations, participation in programs such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program, state and local awards, and *Occupational Hazards* research into the occupational health and safety philosophy and programs of the company.

"Your company's efforts to provide a safe, healthy workplace for employees have led to this honor, and management, supervisors and employees are to be commended," said Laura Walter, the magazine's associate editor.

All companies will be profiled in the November issue of *Occupational Hazards* magazine. Since 2002, *Occupational Hazards* has recognized more than 100 companies as America's Safest Companies.

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The UMCDF ended the month of August without incurring a recordable injury. According to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines, a recordable injury is defined as any injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid, results in prescription medication being issued, or loss of consciousness.

August was the third consecutive month in which the facility did not have a recordable injury. The last one occurred on May 6, 2008. Since disposal operations began in September 2004, the site had matched three months in a row without a recordable injury only once previously, between August and October 2006.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 789 days, or more than 3 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Aug. 28 - Sept. 3, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 8-inch projectiles destroyed this period	
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	36,065
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	610,193
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	206,284
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,316.51
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	35.41

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Aug. 6, 2008:** Completed VX 8-inch projectile campaign.
- July 16, 2008:** Processed first VX 8-inch projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- July 15, 2008:** First VX 8-inch projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- June 27, 2008:** Completed VX 155mm projectile campaign.
- March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the MPF.
- March 20, 2008:** First VX 155mm projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Jan. 23, 2008:** Completed VX rocket campaign.
- Dec. 24, 2007:** Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 26, 2007:** Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- Nov. 23, 2007:** Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- Nov. 19, 2007:** First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 9, 2007:** First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- Oct. 29, 2007:** Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- Oct. 26, 2007:** First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.

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